Accident Rate Up Among Nation's Pre-School Group

NEW YORK—In the past two decades the mortality from accidents among pre-school children in the United States has decreased only half as rapidly as the mortality from disease. While the death rate from diseases at ages 1-4 years was reduced by four fifths—from 417.3 to 82.4 per 100,000—between 1934-35 and 1954-55, the corresponding decrease for fatal accidents was about two fifths—from 56.5 to 33.1 per 100,000. Consequently, accidents as a proportion to the total mortality at the pre-school ages increased from about 12 per cent to nearly 30 per cent.

Currently, accidents take about 4,800 lives a year in our country among children 1-4 years of age; this is more than twice the death toll from pneumonia and influenza, which ranks second among the causes of death among pre-school children. Many more young boys than girls are fatally injured, with average annual accident death rates of 37.3 and 28.7 per 100,000, respectively, in 1954-55.

Motor vehicle accidents in recent years have accounted for about one-third of all accidental deaths among both boys and girls.

Terrain Controls Migratory Flyways

BERKELEY, Calif—Routes of migrating birds in the West may be determined largely by geological fault lines and mountain passes.

So thinks Dr. Loye Holmes Miller, professor of biology emeritus of the University of California, Los Angeles, now connected with the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology at the University of California, Berkley.

Much has been written concerning the pathways followed by migrating birds, Dr. Miller points out. But many of the routes are hypothetical, being drawn with a ruler laid down on a map. Too little is know of the specific routes followed.

Dr. Miller thinks that in the West two major influences are important.

(1) Geological fault lines: "My many camps along one or another of these lines have given me the feeling that they constitute fly-lines for birds that are even more definite than some of the sky-ways of human aviators," he writes.

(2) Mountain passes. "Many observations have been made by aviators that record birds migrating at fairly high altitudes and quite independent of surface topography. On the other hand, I am inclined to believe that, all other factors being equal, the bird will fly at a moderate altitude if no barrier confronts him, and that mountain passes in the West have determined some very definite fly lines."

Television Does Offer Benefits, Professor Says

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.—Many benefits may result from television, the favorite leisure-time pursuit of children, if we guide children to choose programs with greater discrimination and to associate this strong interest with other desirable activities.

So believes Dr. Paul Witty, professor of education at Northwestern University.

Dr. Witty said that in several studies it became clear that the amount of televiewing is not related closely to intelligence or scholarship. Excessive viewing of TV, however, seems to be associated with somewhat lower academic attainment.

"Although TV does not, on the whole, appear to influence educational attainment markedly, teachers and parents report undesirable effects in individual cases," Dr. Witty said. "On the other hand, there are children who have been stimulated to do better work because of interests engendered by TV."

School Doze

NEW YORK — More than one young person out of ten today fails to complete grade school. Only about half of our young persons of appropriate age graduate from high school and only 14 per cent go through junior college or the first two years of college work elsewhere, notes a study recently made by the Twentieth Century Fund.

Iron Countries

NEW YORK—Eight countries—the United States, Cuba, Brazil, France, the USSR, India, Southern Rhodesia, and the Union of South Africa—hold 90 per cent of the world's total reserves of iron ore. The United States and South Rhodesia together account for 60 per cent (24 and 36 par cent, respectively).

History Legion Auxiliary

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 194 of Appomattox, Virginia, presents the following history of the many activities of its Unit for the year 1957-1958, as prepared by its Historian, Mrs. C. T. Moses, Jr.

Under the capable leadership of the President, Mrs. Clifford E. Harvey, and her supporting officers, the Unit has moved forward endeavoring to uphold the preamble and to live up to its motto, "Service Not Self."

Mrs. Shearer Robertson, the First Vice-President, served as chairman of the membership committee. Mrs. Martin Webb, Second Vice-President, served most graciously as the hospitality chairman, securing hostesses for each meeting. Mrs. Ed Dickerson was a most efficient secretary. The treasurer, Mrs. Ivey Holland kept accurate records of the finances of the organization and of the Poppy funds, and always seemed to have enough money to meet the many needs of the local, state and national calls. The Historian, Mrs. C. T. Moses, Jr., recorded the many activities of the Unit. Mrs. Gwendolyn Doss led the Unit spiritually with her inspiring devotion at each meeting.

These officers were officially installed by Mrs. Ivey Holland at a joint meeting of the American Legion and the The Auxiliary at a Brunswick stew at the American Legion Home in July.

The duties of officers and committee chairmen were outlined at the September meeting and the year's work was planned. At this time the President appointed the following committee chairmen:

Americanism, Mrs. Ivey Holland;

Child Welfare, Mrs. E. T. Bruce;

Community Service, Mrs. F. F. Carr;

Civil Defense and National Security, Mrs. Cliff Harvey;

Finance, Mrs. Ivey Holland;

Girl State, Mrs. Ivey Holland;

Legislative, Mrs. Willey Morris;

Membership, Mrs. Shearer Robertson;

Poppy, Mrs. R. D. Robinson;

Publicity, Mrs. Martin Webb;

Rehabilitation, Mrs. R. D. Robinson.

In February, the members served a Smorgasbord dinner to 96 people. It was called "I Am An American Day" dinner and Mr. W. C. Daniel, Past Commander of the American Legion was the guest speaker. Mrs. J. R. Sheffield, of Victoria, Department President of the American Legion Auxiliary was a guest. The American Legion School Award for Citizenship was awarded to two outstanding seniors of Appomattox High School again this year and the medals were presented to these two students, a boy and a girl, at the commencement exercises by Mrs. C. T. Moses, Jr., the President-Elect.

At the April meeting an article on Child Welfare was presented by the chairman. $10.00 was sent to the Department of Virginia; $5 to the national Child Welfare foundation, and $10 for a special project at Patrick Henry Boy's Plantation. Ninety (96) pounds of clothing was sent to Save the Children Foundation.

Unit members engaged in and cooperated with all community and church activities. It cooperated with the United Daughters of the Confederacy and American Legion in sponsoring a Memorial Service held at the Confederate Cemetery on June 1. This Unit sponsors three Brownie Troops and supplies some of their leaders.

Members helped solicit business establishments in town to help pay the fee of the Lynchburg Area Council of Girl Scouts and contributed $27.50 toward this fee. $15.00 was also given to each Brownie Troop for operating funds.

Members assisted with Heart Sunday. In November, the Unit was hostess at an informal reception honoring the Appomattox County Teachers during National Education Week at the American Legion Home. At the March meeting the Community Service chairman presented the program. A film on the Boy Scout Jamboree at Valley Forge, Penn., was shown by an Eagle Scout in the community, Tom Holland, who attended the Jamboree. One member assisted with the High School National Education Week program, "The American Way."

This year the ways and means committee, with the approval of the Unit, selected the Smorgasbord dinner as its money making project. It was must successful and approximately $130.00 was realized.

Two girls were sent to the Girls State in Blacksburg; one by the American Legion Auxiliary, with her expenses paid by the Unit, and the other by the Woman's Club of Appomattox. At the October meeting these two girls gave most interesting and informative talks about their trip.

Mrs. Ivey Holland was sponsored by the Unit for the office of Department Vice-President from the second and fourth Districts. She has served as President of her Unit, President of the Fourth District, and has been Pan - American chairman, constitution and by-laws chairman and is at present community service chairman of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Virginia.

Subscriptions to the Legislative Bulletin have been renewed.

There are twenty active members in the Unit, including one Gold Star Mother, and one Junior member. Ten meetings were held during the year, including one "pot luck supper," held in June for members, their families and guests of the American Legion.

2,000 poppies were purchased and $133.35 was realized from the sale.

Publicity of the work of the Unit and of the meetings was put in the local weekly newspaper and the history will also be printed in the paper.

The Rehabilitation Chairman reported that articles from the blind therapy Shop at Kecoughtan, Va., were sold and $40.00 realized.

$22.40, rehabilitation per capita was sent to the Department.

$25.00 was sent to Roanoke Veterans Hospital for a party.

$15.00 to each of the veteran hospital gift shops, and $16 .00 emergency fund. Twenty-five cents per member was sent to the Department Rehabilitation project.

The Unit was represented at the fall and spring conferences at the fourth district meetings and at the state convention.

REVIVAL AT EVERGREEN METHODIST CHURCH

July 21 - 25, a Revival will be held at the Evergreen Methodist Church. The Rev. Ronald S. Clark will be the speaker. Mrs. Cecil Harvey will be the pianist.

Joining the revival for the week will be Rev. Mr. Donald Stanton and family. Mr. Stanton is the pastor of the Dunn Loring Methodist Church in Fairfax, Va., and he will lead the singing during the revival. Mr. Stanton was soloist for the "Seminary Singers" of the Westminster Theological Seminary when they toured the eastern and mid-western states.

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the Oakville area. The boy was September 2, 1883. He ended such local schools as were able, and then he went to school in Richmond, Va. While in Lexington and Lee at Lexington, then passed on to the study of Virginia at Charlottesville studied law. He was admitted the bar in 1886. He began practice in Appomattox as a lawyer in Appomattox and soon elected a member of the House of Delegates and in 1887 - 1891. He was then became an outstanding lawyer of the State Senate in 1903. He returned to Appomattox to serve as Prosecuting Attorney for the county for a period of three terms. He was a Presidential Elector on the ticket of Cleveland and Stevenson in 1892. His name was mentioned was the governor of the present Adm. Mr. and Mrs. Terry Rogers Flood ran for Congress in Fifty-fifth Congress, but defeated. But he was elected a Democrat in the Fifty-second Congress, and to nine successive congresses. He served from March 1901 until his death. He was chairman of the Committee on Public Affairs, from January, 1908 to March 4, 1919, and was author of the resolution declaring a state of war to exist between the United States and the Imperial Government, and with the Austro-Hungarian Government a most illustrious career. He died in Washington, D. C., December 18, 1921. He was buried in Rock Creek Cemetery, but later re-interred in a mausoleum on the courtyard at the new Appomattox Court House.

I write this out of respect to a man I never met in person, but is recognized as one of the most outstanding statesmen of his time. Appomattox stands in a class by itself in the Dominion. Appomattox and its citizens with pride, the name of Flood.

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Holiday Lake once again was a popular local recreation spot.

McCormick Family Reunion

The family of the late Mr. and Mrs. L. S. McCormick, Sr., met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Carter, on Sunday, July 13, for a picnic dinner and supper.

Those attending were:

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. McCormick, Mr. and Mrs. Bolden McCormick and daughter, Maurine; Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Vaughan and son, Joe, of Spout Spring;

Mr. and Mrs. James Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Candler, and son, Charlie, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley McCormick and children, Brenda and Rucky; Mr. and Mrs. Bennie McCormick; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Williams and daughters, Bonnie and Linda; Mr. and Mrs. Calvin McCormick, and children, Calvin Jr., and Patricia; Mr. and Mrs. Terry Garrett and son, all of Lynchburg;

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clapp and children, Denise and Clinton, of Monroe;

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Staunton, of Madison Heights;

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Ferguson and children, of Maryland;

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis McCormick and son, Pete; Mr. and Mrs. Irving McCormick and children, David and Debra; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Godsey and son, Mr. Roland Ferguson, and Mrs. O. N. Matthews and son, Tommy, all of Appomattox;

Miss Brenda Clapp, of Evergreen, and Miss Edith Kaufman, of Concord. And the last and hostesses, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Carter and children, Sonny, Eddie Lewis, Barbara and Wanda.

This is an annual get-together for this family and all look forward to next year for another good time of fellowship and fun.

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...July 15.- Mr. and Mrs. ...Dogwood and Mrs. F. E. ...of Roanoke, were week-end ...guests of the home of Mr. and ...Mrs. Moore.

...and Mrs. Albert Goodman, ...Springfield, Ohio, are visiting ...Mrs. S. G. Martin and Mr. ...Robert Morris, Bonnie ...Jo.

...and Mrs. Hermon More, ...Janie and Diane, Mr. ...and Patricia, of Roanoke ...relatives here on Sun...

...and Mrs. S. G. Martin, Mr. ...Albert Goodman visited ...Mrs. C. A. Goodman Sun...

...and Mrs. Eural Martin and ...Lynchburg, Mrs. Walter ...and two children, of Nor... recent visitors in the ...and Mrs. H. O. Martin.

...F. E. Moore, Mrs. Troy Liv... and Mrs. Milton Moore visited ...and Mrs. H. R. Moore on ...night.

...and Mrs. R. E. Mays visited ...Mrs. Tom Moore and family ...Sunday afternoon.

...and Mrs. Winston Martin and ...and Mr. and Mrs. T. R. ...Jo, Faye and Janet on ...afternoon.

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...are attending sympathy to ...family of Mr. Fletcher Bunge, ...away on July 10. He will ...here in our community and at ...Methodist Church, where he ...regular attender.

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Farm News

By J. A. Smith, County Agent

Soft Rot, Blackshank Look Alike in Tobacco

The tobacco diseases pythium soft rot and blackshank look a lot alike, but it's important to be able to tell the difference.

S. B. Fenne, plant pathologist at VPI, says blackshank will continue to get worse throughout the season and may cause a complete loss of the crop, while pythium soft rot will abate during warm weather. The diseases may be distinguished by several symptoms.

Pythium soft rot generally occurs early, a few days after transplanting. It does not usually occur in plants that have become established. Blackshank ordinarily does not show up until at least 10 days after transplanting, unless the plants become infected in the seed bed.

Pythium soft rot occurs mostly in plants that are tender and succulent at transplanting; while blackshank infection is not affected by the succulency of the seedlings at transplanting time.

Pythium soft rot is most severe when heavy rains occur after transplanting and the soil remains wet and cold. Blackshank is not affected by the soil condition at transplanting.

Pythium soft rot causes a brown watery rot. When the stems of tender plants are girdled by the fungus, the tissues are easily pulled apart. When the leaves are dried out, the tissues will collapse and become limp. Blackshank lesions are typically black and the stem and pith areas are firm, resembling moist charcoal. Unless the tissues are very succulent they do not collapse.

Root troubles are uncommon with pythium soft rot, while blackshank usually, but not always, involves the root system.

Sometimes, Fenne says, both diseases are found in the same field at the same time. However, the two are rarely found in the same plant. In complicated situations several plants from different locations in the field are needed for prompt, accurate diagnosis.

Fall, Winter Gardens Should Be Planted

Plant part of your fall and winter gardens this month.

That is the advice from J. A. Smith, county agent, who reminds gardeners that July is the month to plant such vegetables as broccoli, cabbage, beets, kale, carrots, turnips, snap beans, and many others.

To get the most out of the fall garden, be sure to consider good soil preparation, control of insects, and diseases, proper depth and spacing of vegetables, and the use of additional nitrogen. VPI Circular 639, "Vegetable Gardening in Virginia," available from the county agent's office, will give many valuable tips.

If the spring garden was properly planned, planting of the fall and winter garden will not be a problem. In good year-round gardens, all perennials should be located on one side of the garden, fast-growing and rapidly maturing crops should be grouped together, and tall-growing vegetables should be kept away from low-growing vegetables. Smith says to increase plantings for canning, freezing, and storing for winter months.

Timely harvesting and handling will improve the quality of all vegetables for canning, freezing, etc. Harvest vegetables when they are of the best quality even though you have to sacrifice the yield. For example, snap beans should be harvested in the tender stage when the seed is no larger than a wheat grain. Process vegetables as soon after harvesting as possible. Harvest onions when 2/3 of the tops have fallen over. Leave them on the ground until thoroughly dry and store in a well-ventilated place.

When preparing the soil for your fall garden, avoid plowing too deep. A good seedbed 3 or 4 inches deep is far better than one 5 or 6 inches deep. If the garden was fertilized heavily in the spring, you may want to reduce the amount of fertilizer used in the fall garden. Be sure to watch the color of the plants and add nitrogen if needed.

RUBBER BANDS ARE NOT RECOMMENDED FOR TYING TOBACCO, AGENT SAYS

If you've been using rubber bands to tie tobacco, you've been making a mistake, and one which may prove costly, says J. A. Smith, county agricultural agent.

Smith says the major tobacco companies have been surveyed by G. R. Mathews, tobacco specialist at VPI about the advisability of using the rubber bands instead of twine. All of the companies which replied to the query say the use of the rubber bands would be detrimental to the grower, the industry, and the consumer.

The companies said they neither have, nor know of equipment, that will remove particles of metalized rubber bands from tobacco; that they will make every effort to avoid buying tobacco tied with rubber bands of any sort; and if they discover rubber bands on tobacco after purchase, the tobacco will be returned to the warehouse. The agent said it may be assumed that such tobacco would ultimately be charged back to the grower.

Sputnik III Dropping

Moscow.- The Soviet Union's Sputnik III is dropping closer to the earth, according to the official news agency Tass.

The agency said that the time taken for the 3,000-pound satellite to circle the earth had decreased to 105.3 minutes, and the time for its rocket carrier to 103.8 minutes. The first report on the launching on May 15 said Sputnik III's circuit time was 106 minutes.

Disappearing Evidence

Detroit.- Eating the evidence did not keep Willie Hughes out of jail. He was sentenced to 30 days for helping his friend, Willie Ivey, take a driver's examination.

When license bureau officials became suspicious during the test, Hughes ripped off part of the application blank where he had signed Ivey's name, stuffed it into his mouth, and began chewing it. Ivey also drew 30 days.

Dazzling Sight

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